



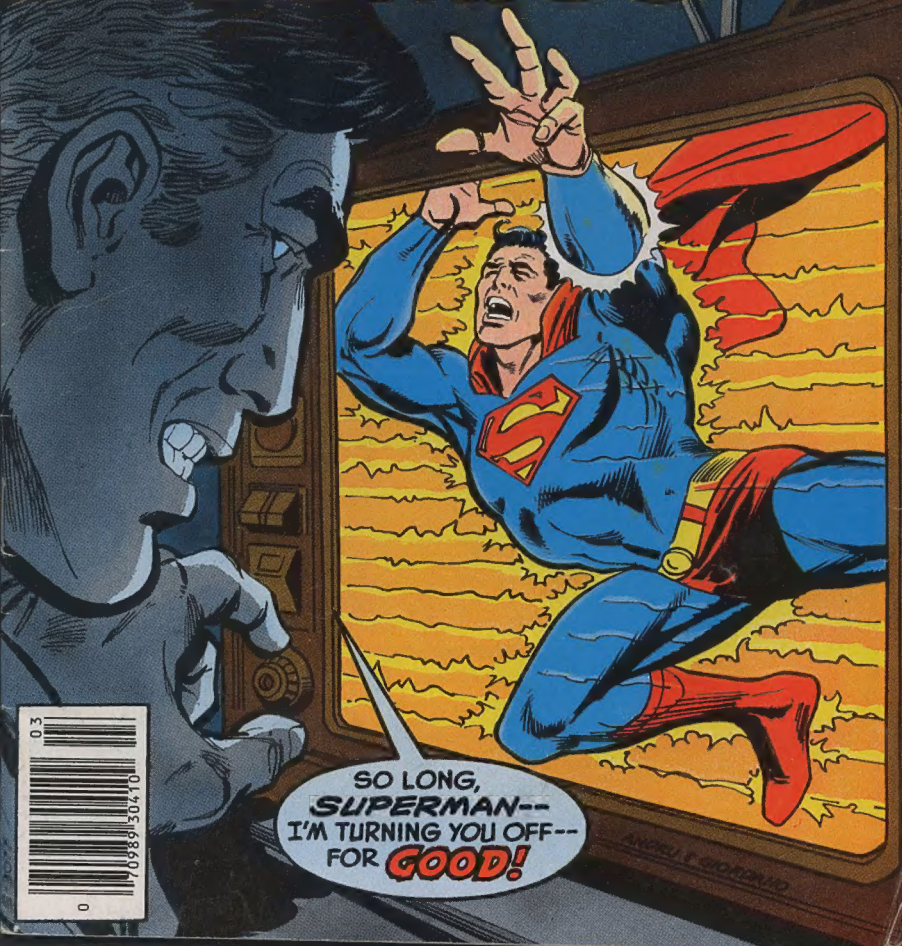
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SUPERMAN BEYOND THE TV SCREEN?

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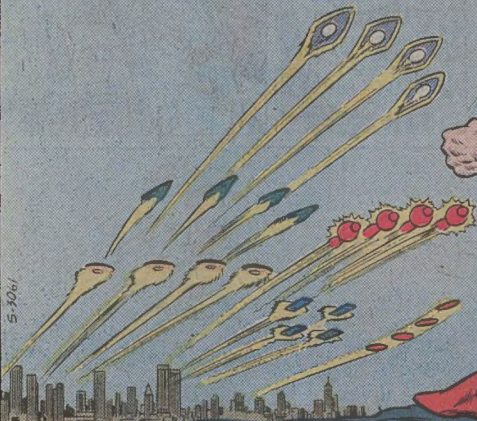
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EXPLODING PLANET KRYPTON,
KAL-EL GREW TO MANHOOD ON EARTH--
WHOSE YELLOW SUN AND LIGHTER GRAVITY
GAVE HIM FANTASTIC SUPER-POWERS!
IN THE CITY OF METROPOLIS, HE
POSES AS MILD-MANNERED TV
NEWSMAN CLARK KENT--
AND BATTLES EVIL
ALL OVER EARTH
AND BEYOND
AS...

SUPERMAN

Created by
JERRY SIEGEL &
JOE SHUSTER



ACROSS THE SKY THEY FLASHED, OFFERING NO HINT OF THEIR
ORIGIN OR DESTINATION...NO CLUE TO WHETHER THEY WERE
FRIEND OR FOE! SOME PEOPLE CALLED THEM FLYING SAUCERS...
OTHERS SAID THEY WERE A HOAX...AND STILL OTHERS JUST
DIDN'T CARE! BUT NO ONE--NOT EVEN SUPERMAN HIMSELF
--COULD GUESS THE DREAD SECRET BEHIND...

"The METROPOLIS-UFO CONNECTION!"

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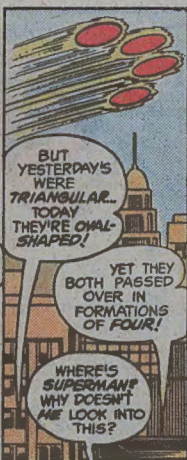
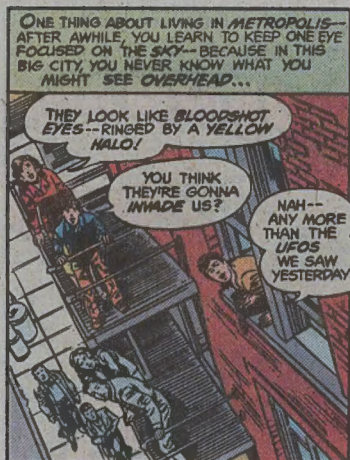
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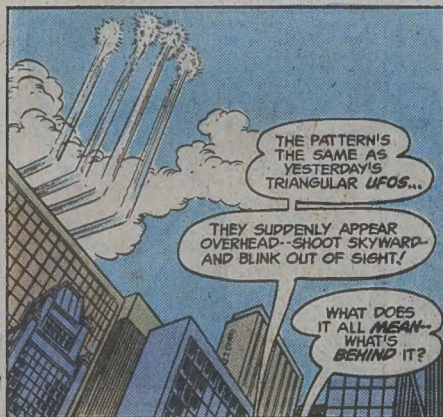
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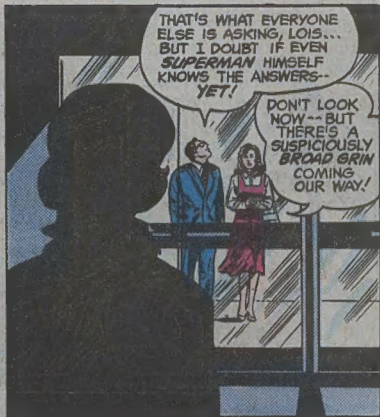




THE PATTERN'S
THE SAME AS
YESTERDAY'S
TRIANGULAR UFOS...

THEY SUDDENLY APPEAR
OVERHEAD--SHOOT SKYWARD--
AND BLINK OUT OF SIGHT!

WHAT DOES
IT ALL MEAN--
WHAT'S
BEHIND IT?



THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE
ELSE IS ASKING, LOIS...
BUT I DOUBT IF EVEN
SUPERMAN HIMSELF
KNOWS THE ANSWERS--
YET!

DON'T LOOK
NOW--BUT
THERE'S A
SUSPICIOUSLY
BROAD GRIN
COMING
OUR WAY!



WELL, WELL /
IF IT ISN'T MY
FAVORITE
CO-ANCHORPERSON!

CO-ANCHOR--!?
OH, REALLY--?!

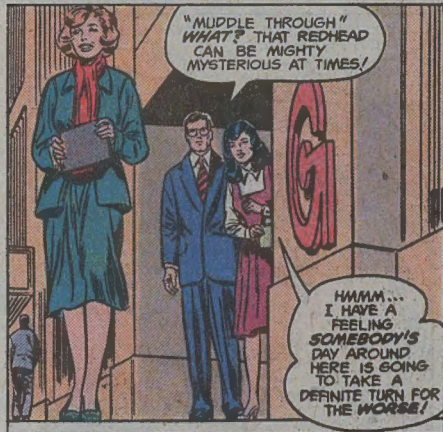
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OCCASION,
LANA? YOU
SEEM TO BE
POSITIVELY
GLOWING
TODAY!



CLEAN LIVING, LUV!

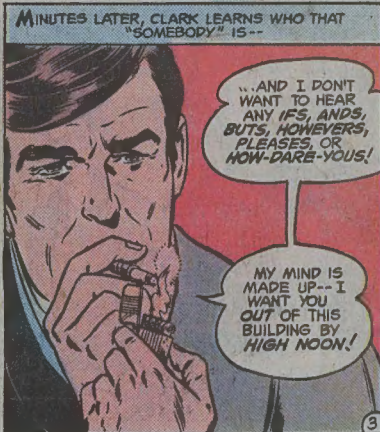
MORGAN WANTS
TO SEE YOU, CLARK--
RIGHT AWAY!

AND I WANT
YOU TO KNOW
YOU NEEDN'T
WORRY
ABOUT ME...
I'LL MUDDLE
THROUGH
SOMEHOW!



"MUDDLE THROUGH"
WHAT? THAT REDHEAD
CAN BE MIGHTY
MYSTERIOUS AT TIMES!

HMMM...
I HAVE A
FEELING
SOMEBODY'S
DAY AROUND
HERE IS GOING
TO TAKE A
DEFINITE TURN FOR
THE WORSE!



MINUTES LATER, CLARK LEARNS WHO THAT
"SOMEBODY" IS--

...AND I DON'T
WANT TO HEAR
ANY IF'S, AND'S,
BUTS, HOWEVERS,
PLEASES, OR
HOW-DARE-YOUS!

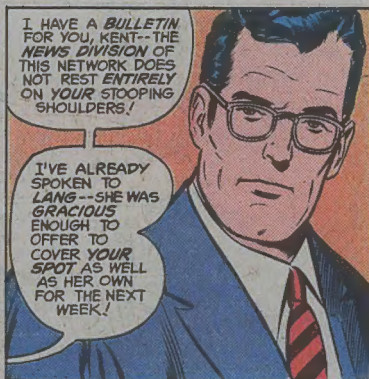
MY MIND IS
MADE UP-- I
WANT YOU
OUT OF THIS
BUILDING BY
HIGH NOON!



THAT'LL
BE ALL
FOR NOW,
CONWAY!

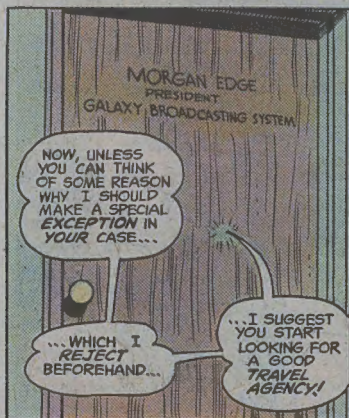
B-BUT, MR. EDGE-- **SURELY**,
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS? WHY,
I'M THE **LAST PERSON**
AROUND HERE WHO NEEDS
A **MANDATORY**
VACATION!

BESIDES, HOW
COULD THE
6 O'CLOCK
NEWS FUNCTION
WITHOUT ME
FOR ONE
WHOLE **WEEK?**



I HAVE A **BULLETIN**
FOR YOU, KENT--THE
NEWS DIVISION
OF THIS NETWORK DOES
NOT REST ENTIRELY
ON YOUR **STOOPING**
SHOULDERS!

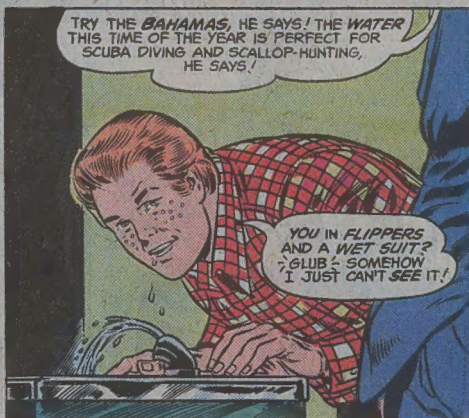
I'VE ALREADY
SPOKEN TO
LANG--SHE WAS
GRACIOUS
ENOUGH TO
OFFER TO
COVER **YOUR**
SPOT AS WELL
AS HER OWN
FOR THE NEXT
WEEK!



NOW, UNLESS
YOU CAN THINK
OF SOME REASON
WHY I SHOULD
MAKE A SPECIAL
EXCEPTION IN
YOUR CASE...

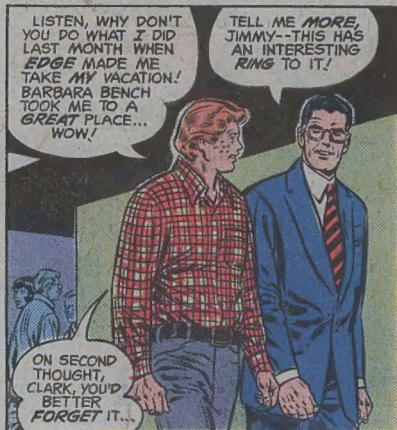
...WHICH I
REJECT
BEFOREHAND...

...I SUGGEST
YOU START
LOOKING FOR
A GOOD
TRAVEL
AGENCY!



TRY THE **BAHAMAS**, HE SAYS! THE **WATER**
THIS TIME OF THE YEAR IS PERFECT FOR
SCUBA DIVING AND SCALLOP-HUNTING,
HE SAYS!

YOU IN FLIPPERS
AND A WET SUIT?
GLUB - SOMEHOW
I JUST CAN'T SEE IT!



LISTEN, WHY DON'T
YOU DO WHAT I DID
LAST MONTH WHEN
EDGE MADE ME
TAKE MY VACATION!
BARBARA BENCH
TOOK ME TO A
GREAT PLACE...
WOW!

TELL ME **MORE**,
JIMMY--THIS HAS
AN INTERESTING
RING TO IT!



...YOU'D NEVER...PASS...
THE **PHYSICAL!**

OH...
MY
HEAD!

JIMMY!
WHAT
IS IT--?

ON SECOND
THOUGHT,
CLARK, YOU'D
BETTER
FORGET IT...

BAT MAN

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BUT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. IF YOU EAT THIS GOLD, THE WORLD'S ECONOMY WILL COLLAPSE!

WE ARE SORRY, EARTHMAN... BUT WE MUST EAT GOLD TO SURVIVE. IT IS OUR BIOLOGICAL ENERGY SOURCE.



MEANWHILE... IN THE BATCAVE.

GOLD-EATING CREATURES IN THE HEART OF FORT KNOX? I'VE GOT A 14-CARAT SOLUTION.



WE WILL HAVE OUR FILL OF GOLD BARS.

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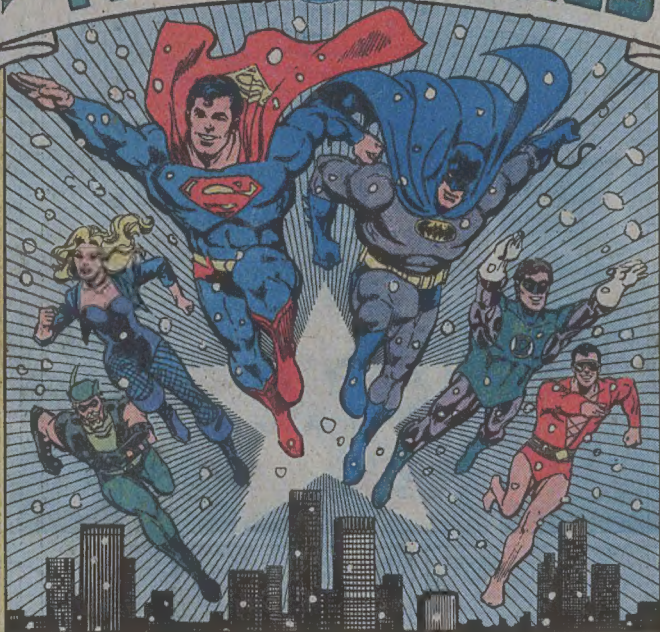
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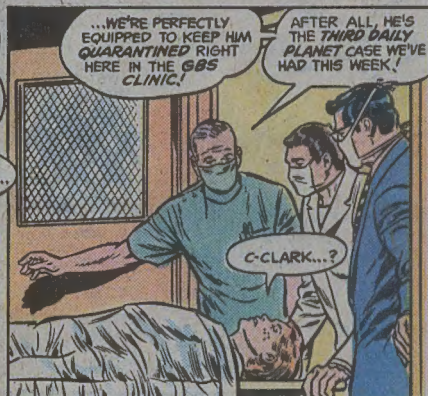
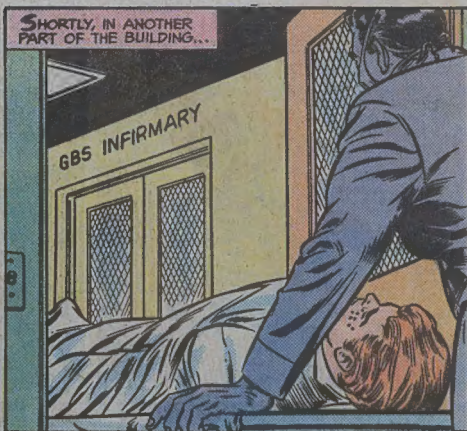
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2:45 P.M.-- THE UNPREDICTABLE
SKIES OF METROPOLIS...

JUST ANOTHER
ROUTINE MID-DAY
PATROL--ONE NEAR
HEAD-ON
COLLISION,
A COUPLE OF
MUGGINGS, AND
A TWO-ALARM
FIRE!

NOT ENOUGH
FOR ONE DROP
OF SWEAT...
EVEN IF I COULD
PERSPIRE!

I SUPPOSE
I SHOULDN'T
BE COMPLAINING
... I'VE GOT TO
WRAP THIS UP
ANYWAY!

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR
CLARK KENT TO FILL IN
FOR JIMMY'S INTERVIEW--

--WITH LYLE
CORLISS, THE
MYSTERIOUS
MILLIONAIRE
WHO OWNS THE
WAGNER
BUILDING AND
LIVES IN TOTAL
SECLUSION IN
ITS PENTHOUSE!

I WONDER HOW
JIMMY MANAGED
TO WANGLE THIS
EXCLUSIVE
FOR THE PLANET?

IT SURE IS HANDY
HAVING THESE
CONVENIENT ALLEYS
BETWEEN TALL
BUILDINGS FOR
SUPERMAN-CLARK
KENT SWITCHES!

ODD...MY
COMPRESSED
CIVILIAN SUIT
SEEMS 1.2 OUNCES
HEAVIER THAN
USUAL!

OF COURSE--!
JIMMY'S SUPERMAN
SIGNAL-WATCH!

WHO KNOWS?
MAYBE I'LL
HAVE TO
SUMMON MYSELF
TO HELP ME!
HA, HA!

SUDDENLY, THE AIR IS PIERCED BY...

ZZZZZZZZZZ

Huh? My super-hearing is picking up an unearthly sound--and it's coming from the Corliss Penthouse!

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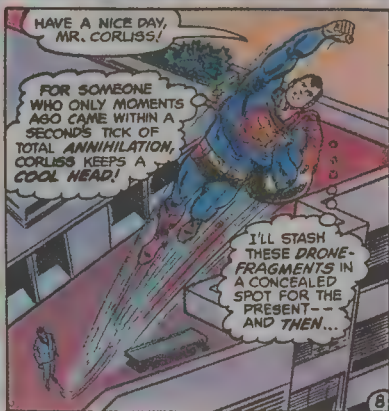
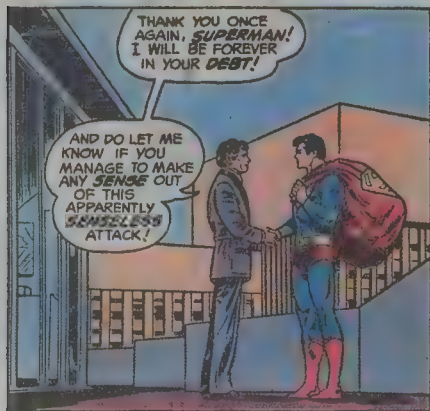
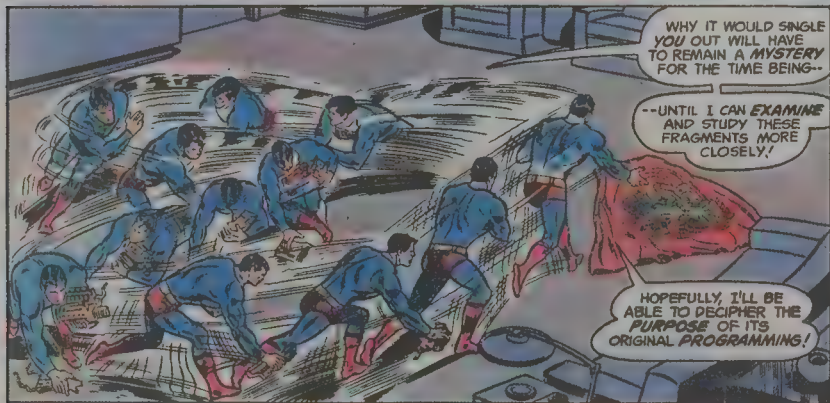
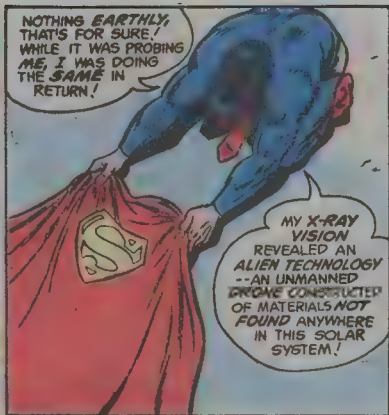
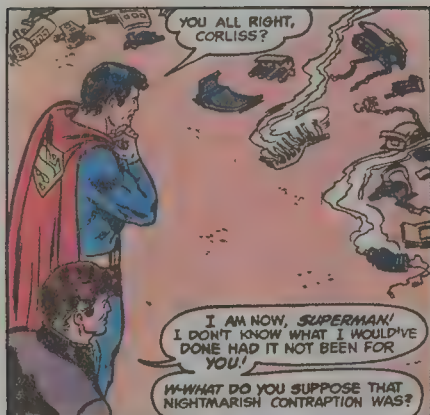
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AND MINE--! ESPECIALLY AFTER COMPLAINING ABOUT MY DULL PATROL--!

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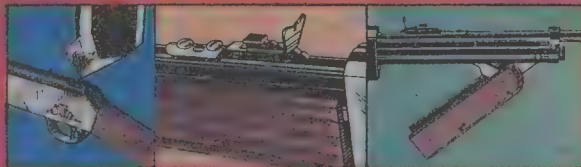
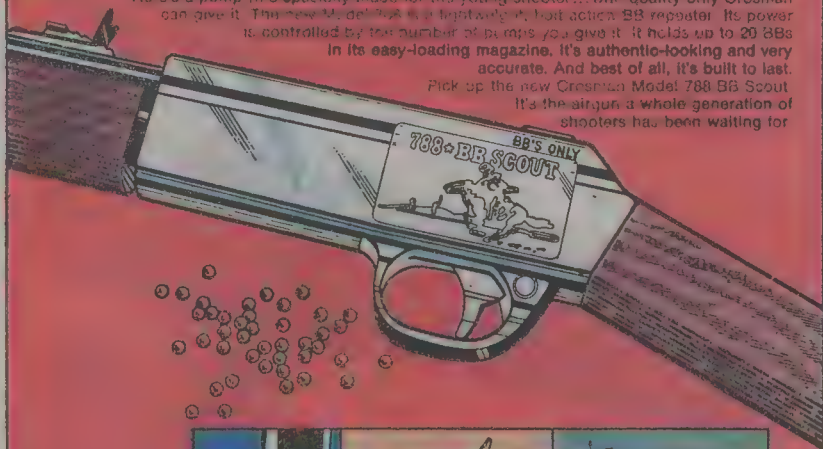
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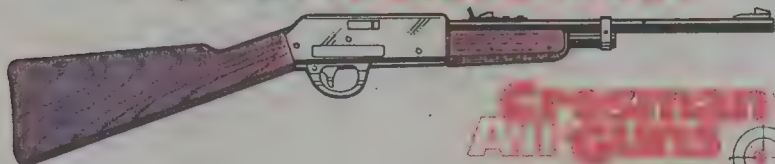


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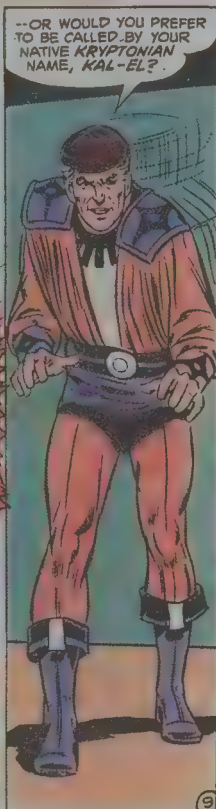
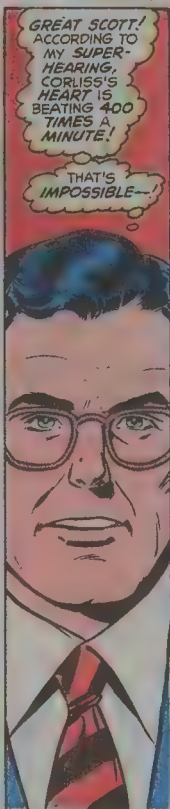
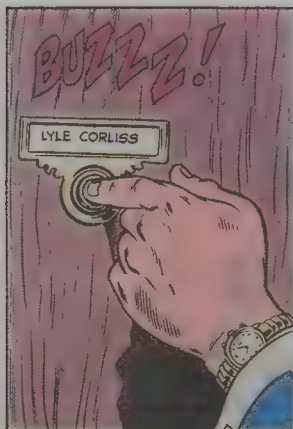
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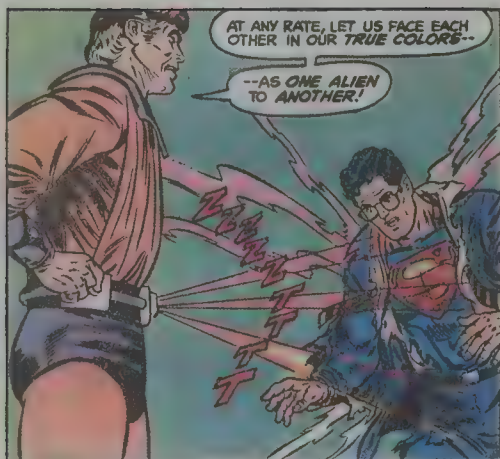
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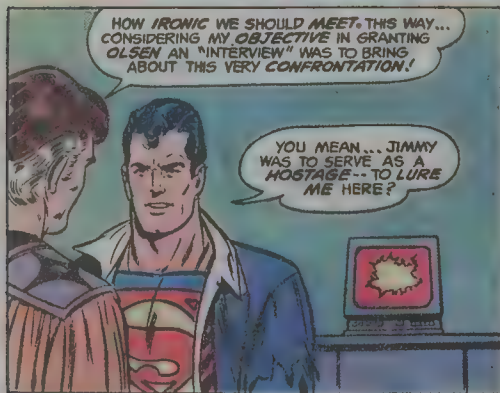
AT ANY RATE, LET US FACE EACH OTHER IN OUR **TRUE COLORS**--

--AS ONE ALIEN TO ANOTHER!



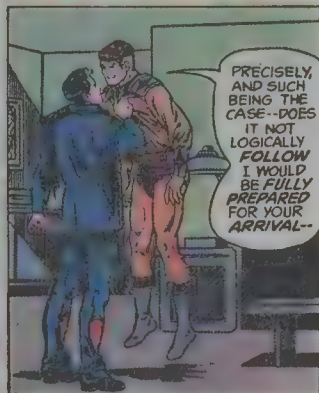
WHO AND WHAT ARE YOU, CORLISS? WHY HAVE BEEN MASQUERADING AS AN **EARTHMAN** THESE PAST MONTHS?

ALL I CHOOSE TO SAY NOW IS THAT THE **PURPOSE OF MY MISSION** WILL SOON BE APPARENT TO YOU--WHEN IT WILL BE **TOO LATE** TO STOP IT!

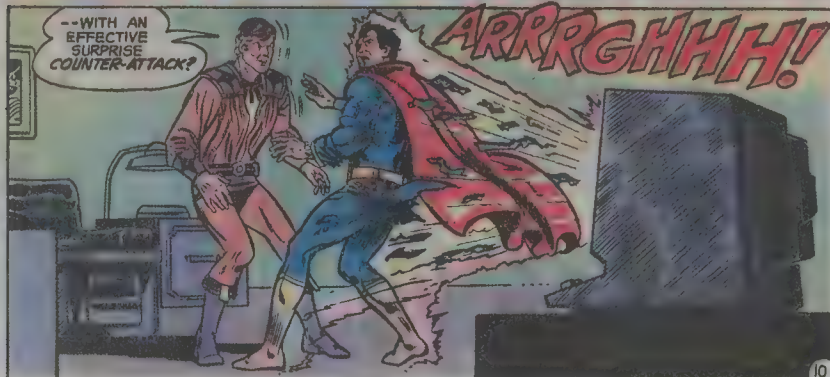


HOW IRONIC WE SHOULD MEET. THIS WAY... CONSIDERING MY **OBJECTIVE** IN GRANTING OLSEN AN "INTERVIEW" WAS TO BRING ABOUT THIS VERY **CONFRONTATION**!

YOU MEAN... JIMMY WAS TO SERVE AS A **HOSTAGE**-- TO LURE ME HERE?



PRECISELY, AND SUCH BEING THE **CASE**--DOES IT NOT LOGICALLY FOLLOW I WOULD BE FULLY **PREPARED** FOR YOUR **ARRIVAL**--



--WITH AN EFFECTIVE **SURPRISE COUNTER-ATTACK**?

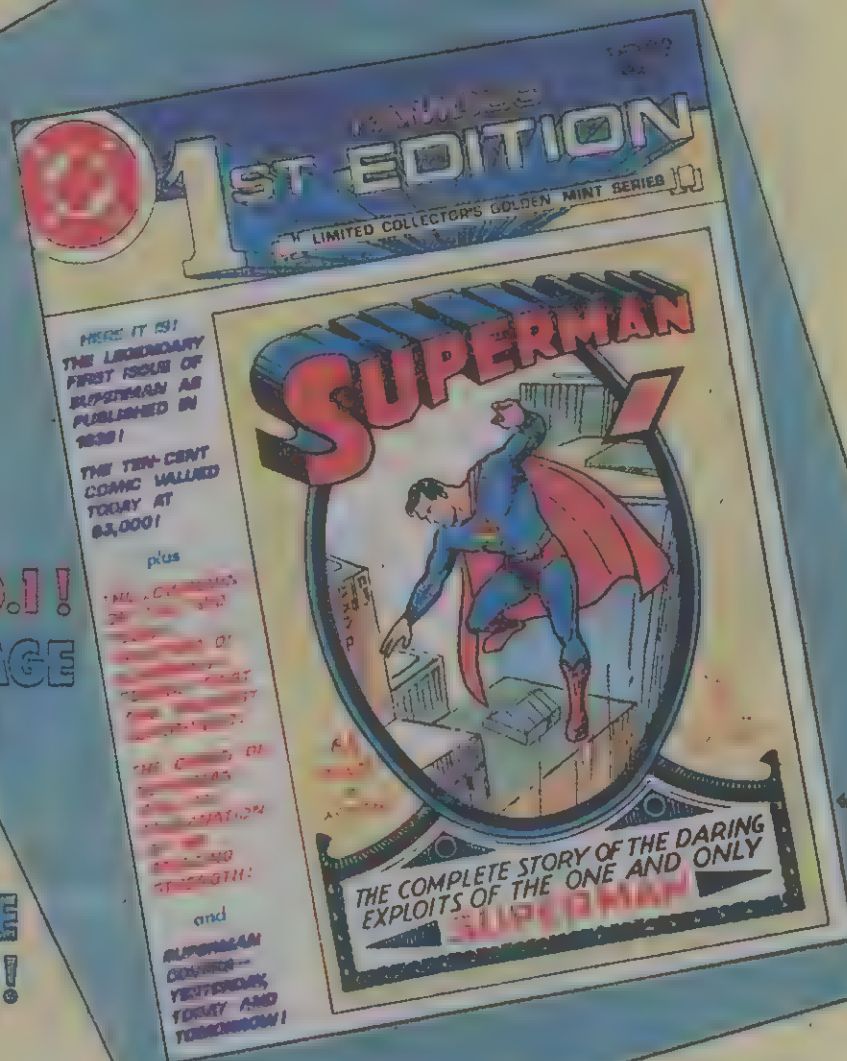
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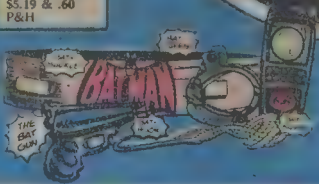
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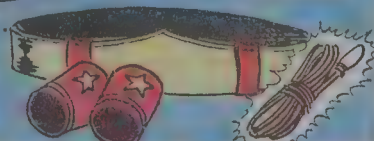
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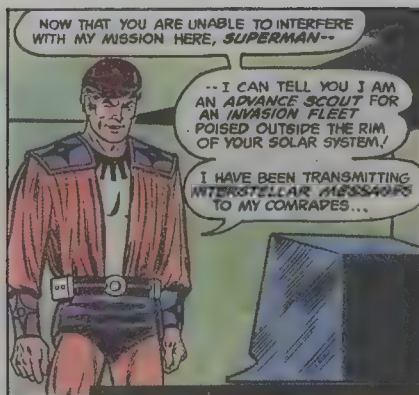
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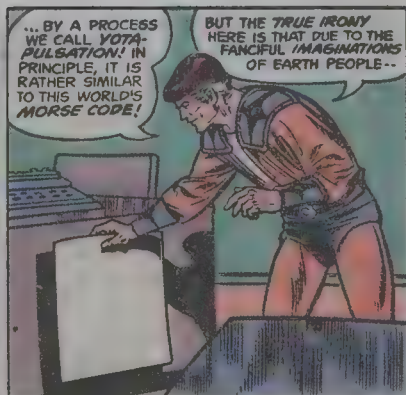
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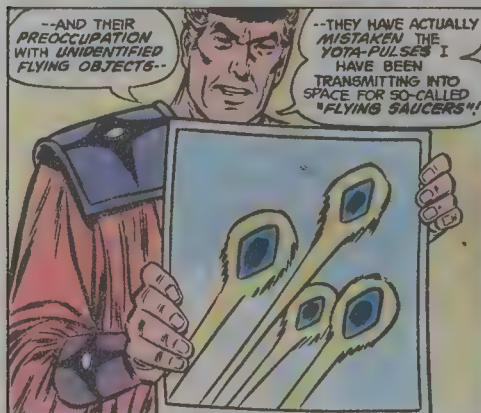
--I CAN TELL YOU I AM AN **ADVANCE SCOUT** FOR AN **INVASION FLEET** POISED OUTSIDE THE RIM OF YOUR SOLAR SYSTEM!

I HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTING **INTERSTELLAR MESSAGES** TO MY COMRADES...



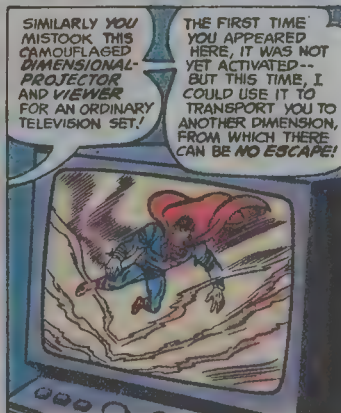
...BY A PROCESS WE CALL **YOTA-PULSATION!** IN PRINCIPLE, IT IS RATHER SIMILAR TO THIS WORLD'S **MORSE CODE!**

BUT THE **TRUE IRONY** HERE IS THAT DUE TO THE **FANCIFUL IMAGINATIONS** OF EARTH PEOPLE--



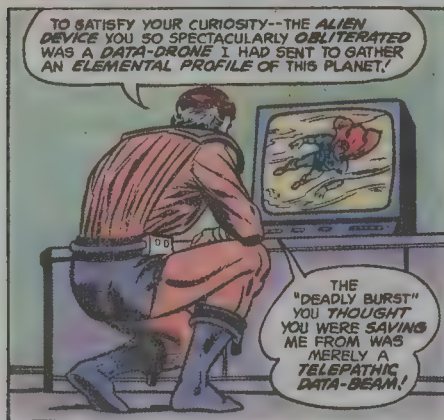
--AND THEIR **PREOCCUPATION** WITH **UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS**--

--THEY HAVE ACTUALLY **MISTAKEN** THE **YOTA-PULSES** I HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTING INTO SPACE FOR SO-CALLED **"FLYING SAUCERS"**!



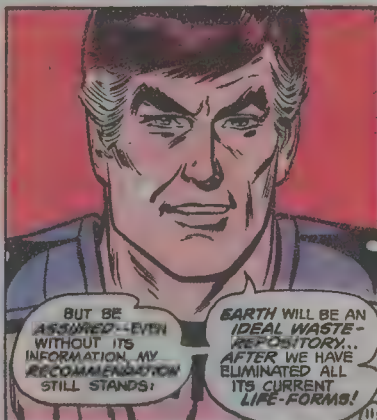
SIMILARLY YOU MISTOOK THIS **CAMOUFLAGED DIMENSIONAL-PROJECTOR** AND **VIEWER** FOR AN ORDINARY **TELEVISION SET!**

THE FIRST TIME YOU APPEARED HERE, IT WAS NOT YET **ACTIVATED**-- BUT THIS TIME, I COULD USE IT TO **TRANSPORT** YOU TO ANOTHER **DIMENSION**, FROM WHICH THERE CAN BE **NO ESCAPE!**



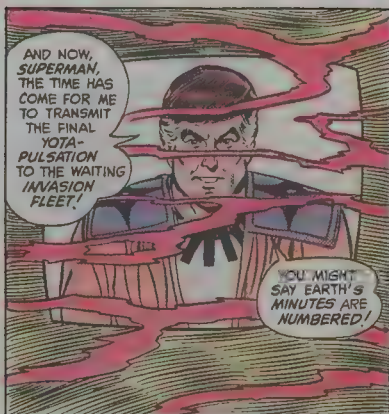
TO SATISFY YOUR CURIOSITY--THE **ALIEN DEVICE** YOU SO **SPECTACULARLY OBLITERATED** WAS A **DATA-DRONE** I HAD SENT TO GATHER AN **ELEMENTAL PROFILE** OF THIS PLANET!

THE **"DEADLY BURST"** YOU **THOUGHT** YOU WERE **SAVING** ME FROM WAS MERELY A **TELEPATHIC DATA-BEAM!**



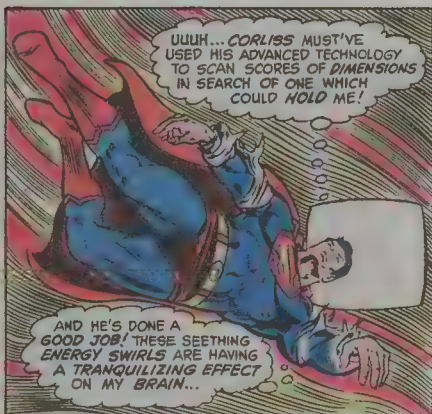
BUT BE **ASSURED**--EVEN WITHOUT ITS **INFORMATION**, MY **RECOMMENDATION** STILL STANDS:

EARTH WILL BE AN **IDEAL WASTE-REPOSITORY**... AFTER WE HAVE **ELIMINATED** ALL ITS **CURRENT LIFE-FORMS!**



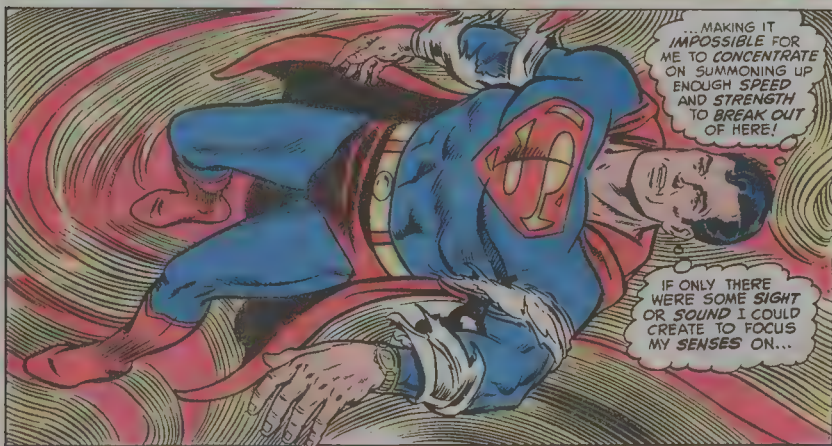
AND NOW, SUPERMAN, THE TIME HAS COME FOR ME TO TRANSMIT THE FINAL YOTA-PULSATION TO THE WAITING INVASION FLEET!

YOU MIGHT SAY EARTH'S MINUTES ARE NUMBERED!



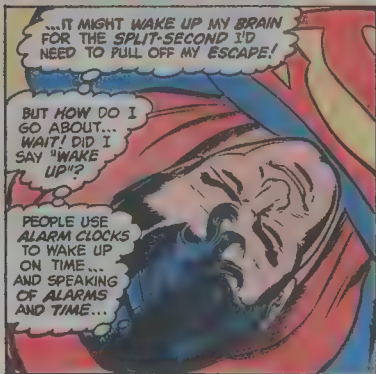
UUUH... CORLISS MUST'VE USED HIS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TO SCAN SCORES OF DIMENSIONS IN SEARCH OF ONE WHICH COULD HOLD ME!

AND HE'S DONE A GOOD JOB! THESE SEETHING ENERGY SWIRLS ARE HAVING A TRANQUILIZING EFFECT ON MY BRAIN...



... MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO CONCENTRATE ON SUMMONING UP ENOUGH SPEED AND STRENGTH TO BREAK OUT OF HERE!

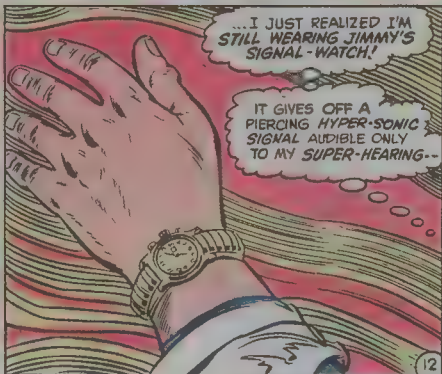
IF ONLY THERE WERE SOME SIGHT OR SOUND I COULD CREATE TO FOCUS MY SENSES ON...



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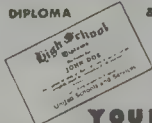
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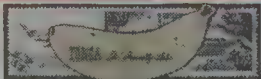
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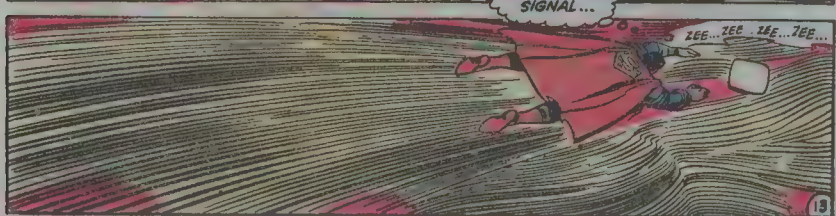
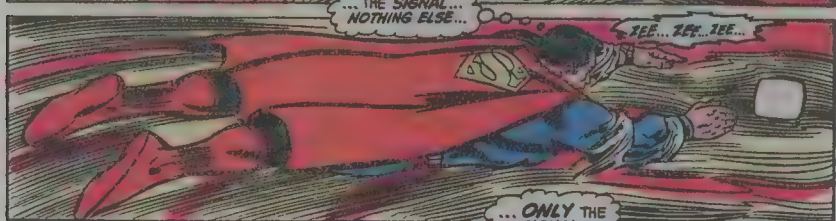
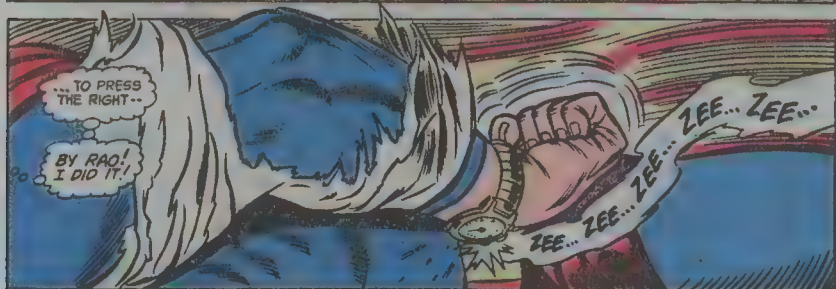
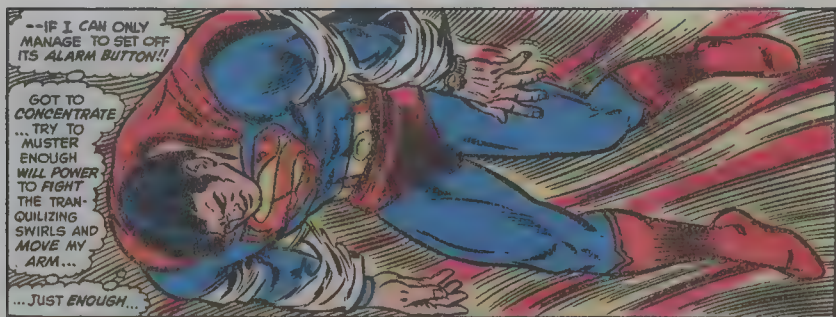
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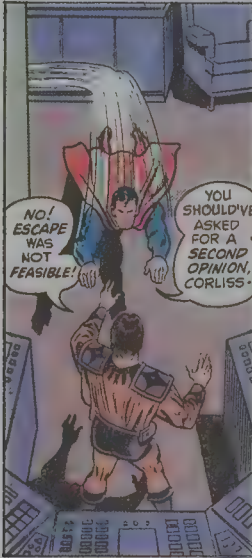
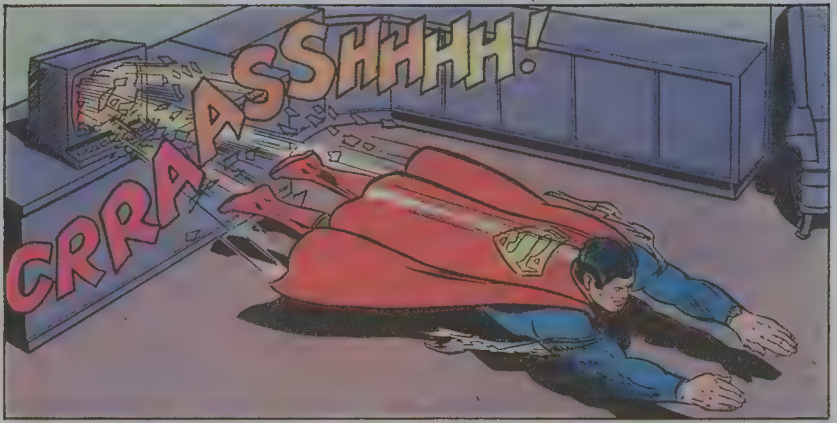
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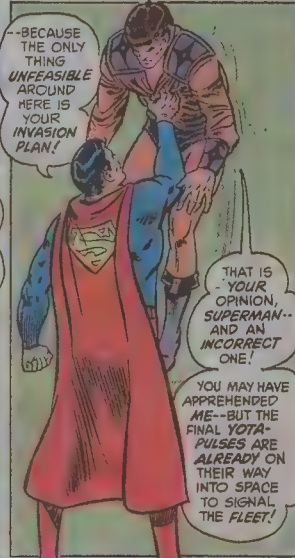
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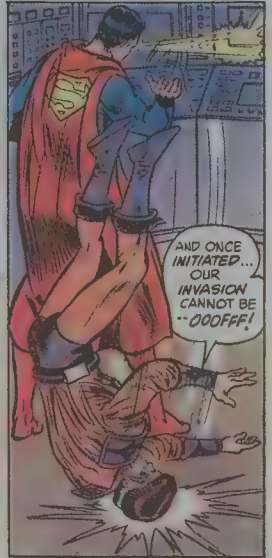
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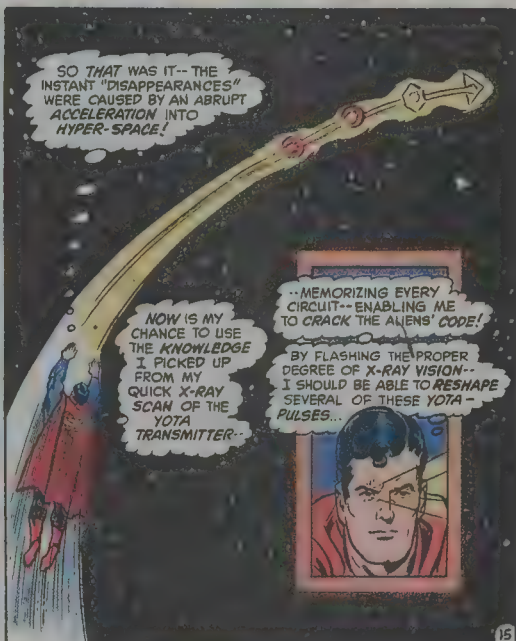
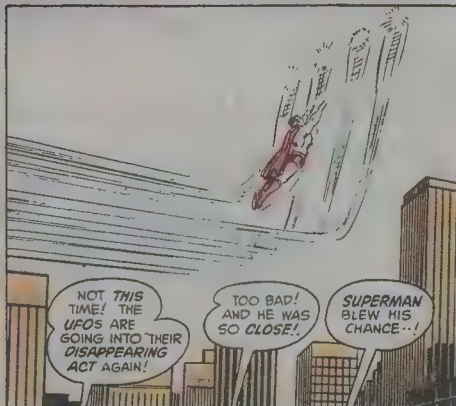
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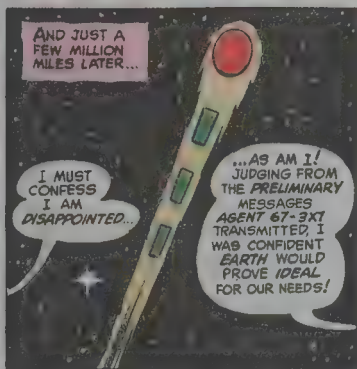
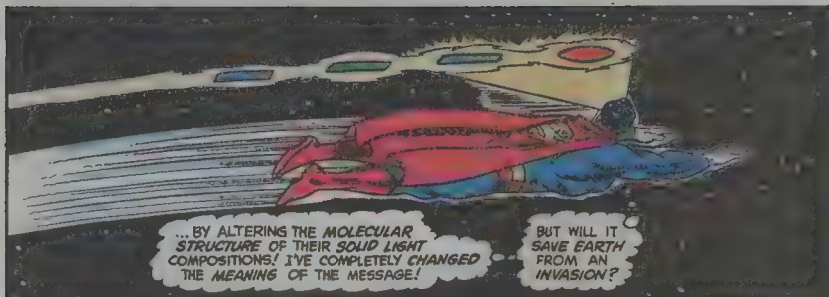
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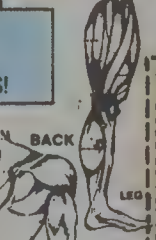
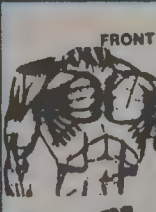
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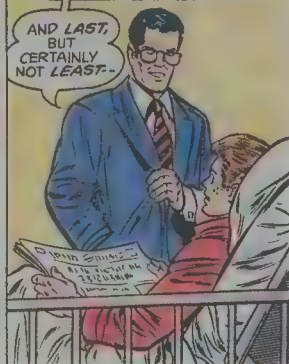
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YOU COVER FOR ME
ON A ROUTINE INTERVIEW
'CAUSE YOU'RE A SOFT
TOUCH AND A NICE
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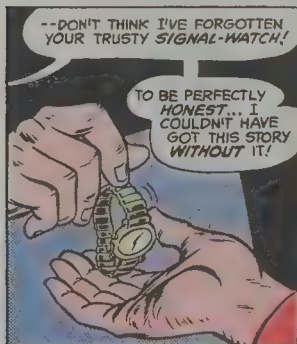
YES, I SUPPOSE I OWE IT ALL
TO YOU, JIMMY... YOU AND
SUPERMAN, OF COURSE!

AND LAST,
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YOUR TRUSTY SIGNAL-WATCH!

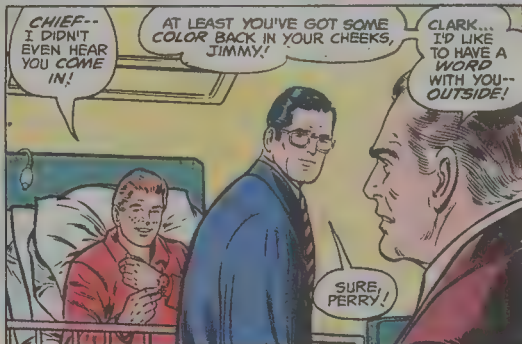
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I DIDN'T
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YOU COME
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JIMMY!

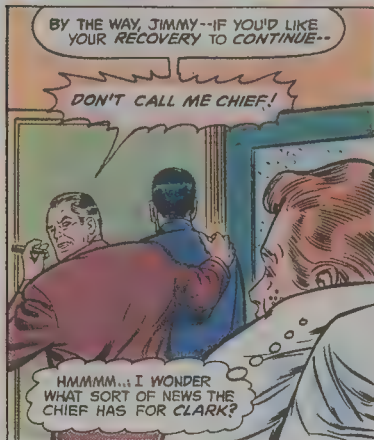
CLARK...
I'D LIKE
TO HAVE A
WORD
WITH YOU--
OUTSIDE!



SURE
PERRY!!

BY THE WAY, JIMMY--IF YOU'D LIKE
YOUR RECOVERY TO CONTINUE--

DON'T CALL ME CHIEF!



HMMMM... I WONDER
WHAT SORT OF NEWS THE
CHIEF HAS FOR CLARK?

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YOU CAN'T
REALLY BE
SERIOUS
ABOUT THIS!
THE BIG MAN
UPSTAIRS
WOULD
NEVER
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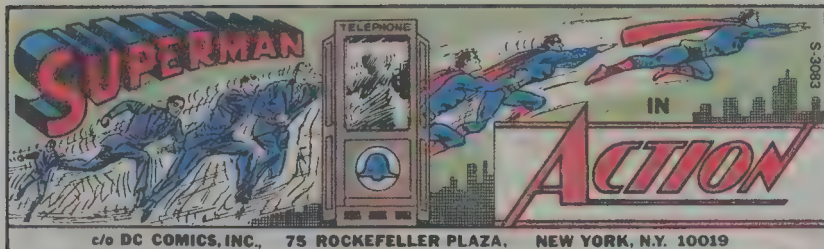


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Dear Editor:

After reading *ACTION* #488, I'll never try to second-guess Cary Bates again! He turned the concept of Microwave Man all the way around from the standard costumed super-villain into something original and slightly poignant. I expected this issue's showdown to end with Lewis Padgett being carted off to jail, plotting a comeback. Boy, was I wrong! Instead, Cary made use of the growing concern over microwave pollution and added a Faustian-type fountain of youth concept so that MW Man really fought like there was no tomorrow. This was a duel of spirits which *Superman* graciously lost to let someone have his moment in the sun. That ending was so untypical of recent Bates tales and a welcome change. I can sum it up in one word: refreshing.

The WGBS plotline has now been around for nearly a hundred issues and Cary has become quite natural at setting up sequences within this realm: From pill-popping Josh Coyle to smiling cobra Edge, these scenes had a nice, easy flow and familiarity. I especially liked Clark's retort to Lana's snottiness concerning his all-too-familiar exit at the moment of crisis.

Finally, I have to comment on the art of Curt Swan this issue in one respect—his fight sequences. Fandom has overlooked Swan, but one thing he excels in is the acrobatic and original duels that make other artists' crude fisticuffs pale by comparison. *Superman* has unique powers and Curt lets this be the motivating factor in his fighting style.

Tony Edwards,
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So far, most of the mail has been enthusiastic about "SUPERMAN BATTLES MICROWAVE MAN." But a few did have some reservations.—ENB

Dear Sir:

"Superman Battles Microwave Man" was decidedly run-of-the-mill, but there were some high points. For a change, there was a villain presented in somewhat less than despicable terms, and the "good guy" side of our all-powerful hero was emphasized again.

The ever-present Lois Lane took another issue off to allow her often-inconspicuous coworkers, Lana Lang and Jimmy Olsen, some needed share of the spotlight (I loved Clark's sarcastic remark to Lana while leaving the studio). Cary has handled *Superman's* childhood sweetheart better than any other scripter since her return.

Air Wave was interesting. Since the Billy Batsons and Dick Graysons and Linda Lees have been growing up, the gosh-golly crowd has been thinning out. Hal (*Air Wave* II) Jordan (that name is going to cause some confusion) formed a nice contrast to the deadly serious super-herodom that dominates DC. But I think his stated age (15) is a bit old for the role. Hal's pondering the dos and don'ts of superheroing was a nice touch. But I find it hard to believe a kid could take a punch from an adult when he left himself wide open, and return it with a knockout blow (I don't care how many lectures *Green Arrow* and *Black Canary* gave him). The railroad robber was a bit outlandish, but the idea of *Air Wave* giving away his secret I.D. with his after-shave lotion was rather clever. (I assume most

super-heroines are sensible enough not to use particularly strong or distinctive perfumes.)

Gary Thompson
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They sure are—in fact, some have dreamed up ways of changing their perfume with their identities. Remind us to tell you about it!—ENB

Dear Editor:

I don't know how many letters you are going to receive in protest of the killing of Microwave Man in *ACTION* #488, but this is one. He was quickly becoming one of my favorite villains. What power! He could easily have become a tough foe for the Man of Steel. Besides, I liked his costume. I was hoping to see him in many future appearances after last issue's debut. The story was done excellently. I liked the art very much, too.

It was surprising to see Clark admit to Lana that he was going to switch to *Superman* and save the day.

I hope to see more *Air Wave* stories. To quote a certain 15-year-old super-hero, jeepsers, I hope Karen hasn't found out Hal's identity already. Let him tell her later.

Mark Johnson
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Too bad we never got a chance to give you the follow-up story in which Karen made Air Wave a new costume—and he never knew who did it! Hopefully, it will see print in time. As for Microwave Man, a lot of readers do want him back, and when that many ask for a thing, they usually get it!—ENB

Dear Julie and Nelson:

"Superman Battles Microwave Man" reminded me of the starkly brief, concise, to-the-point titles of the '40's: "The Magicians' Convention," "The Batman Meets Doctor Death," etc. I was glad to see Cary ended this one now instead of putting us through another four-parter. Microwave Man's power-source was original, but his costume was reminiscent of the equally short-lived Whirligig of 1978.

The high point of the issue was the debut of *Air Wave*. He had great promise from his first appearance in *GREEN LANTERN* #100. Still, the shaving lotion's odor spilling AW's secret is nearly as ridiculous as the '50's *Batman* story in which Vicki Vale almost discovered Bats' identity because of a shaving nicks!

Paul Bulze
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If you saw a masked man with the same chin and shaving nick as someone you knew, wouldn't you get a little suspicious? And when a hero with a teenage build wears the same lotion as another teen you just saw—well, maybe it doesn't prove anything conclusive, but wouldn't it make you wonder?—E. Nelson Bridwell



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ASK THE ANSWER MAN

Q: Who are the mothers of the *Super-Sons*?—Stephen Kasuba. A: The *Super-Sons* are a projection of the computer in *Superman's* Fortress of Solitude. The computer has not projected who the wives of our heroes are.

Q: Who writes the *DC Profiles*? Will we be seeing them again soon?—No Name Given. A: Paul Kupperberg, Mike Catron, Mike Gold and other *DCers* have provided the *Profiles*. There are no current plans for a revival of the *DC Feature Page*... unless enough of you demand it.

Q: If *Superman* married and had children, would they have his super-powers?—Frank Tomcek. A: Probably.

Q: Will we be seeing *Insect Queen* again?—James E. Wright Jr. A: Anything's possible.

Q: Whatever happened to *Streaky* the Supercat and Comet the Superhorse?—Mike Rossow. A: They went into retirement.

Q: Could you please tell us what magazines our questions will be in?—Scott McGrath. A: Sorry, there are too many questions and not enough time to inform each letter writer. You'll just have to check all the *Daily Planets* for the information.

Q: I've sent you three letters. Why haven't you answered them yet?—Amy Dunbar. A: I do not answer questions through the mail, only in this column. As mentioned previously, there is a tremendous backlog of questions and it takes quite awhile before your questions get into print. For example, your letter arrived March 26, 1978!

Q: Why are comics on sale three months prior to their cover dates?—Kirk R. Pfeffer. A: To assure a longer time on the stands.

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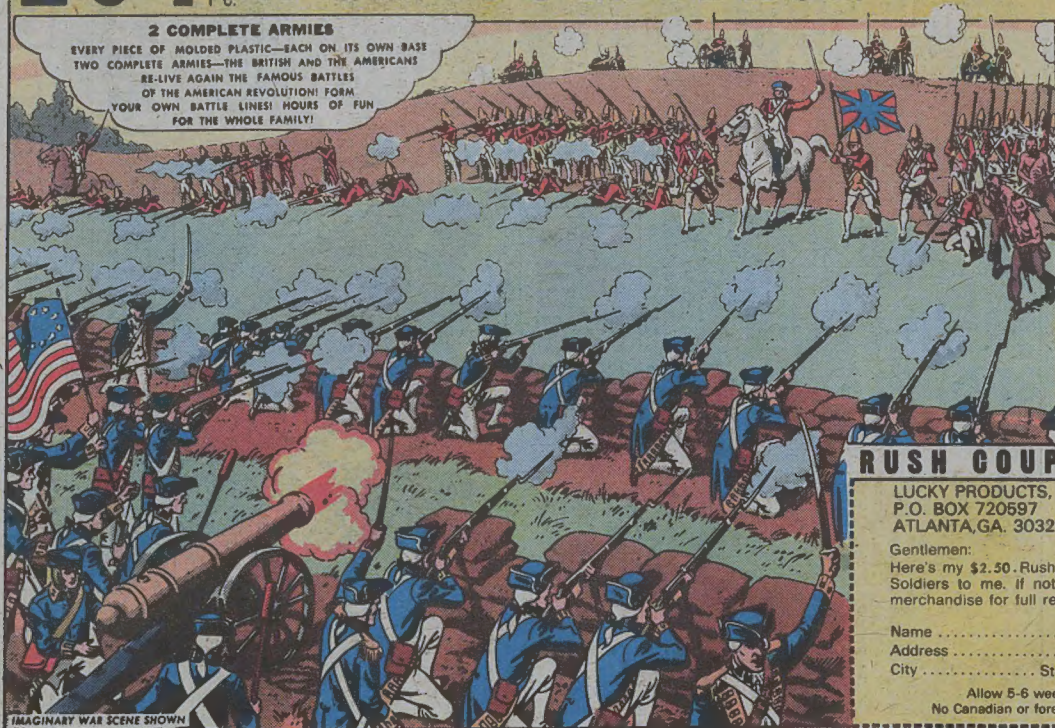
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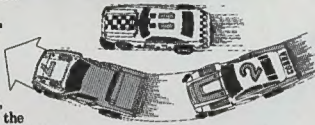
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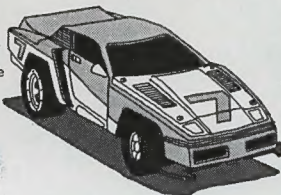
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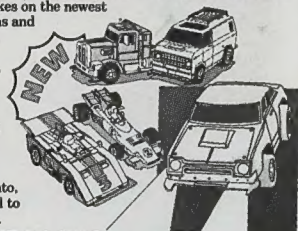
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